

Today in Corps history:
April 16, 1898: Major Gen. Charles Heywood was ordered to organize a battalion for duty in Cuba.

Source: Marine Corps History

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THE BOOT

"We Make Marines"

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Shorthanded Pacesetters dismantled by Weapons

Weapons defeated the Pacesetters 16-1 in the Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina Intramural Softball league at the Parris Island Sports Complex April 8. **see Page 4**

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Depot News

SAVE A LIFE TOUR TO VISIT DEPOT APRIL 27

The Save a Life tour will make a stop aboard the Depot April 27 by hosting a Health Fair from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Lyceum.

A cookout will be held from noon - 1 p.m.

The Save a Life tour educates military personnel on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

For more information, contact Semper Fit Health Promotions at 228-7010.

WOMEN MARINES OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Women Marines Association Phyllis Alexander Chapter is looking for a few good students to award college scholarships.

The chapter will award two scholarships, one to an active duty female Marine stationed in the Beaufort area, and one to a senior-year female MCJROTC student from Battery Creek or Jasper County High School. Applicants must submit an essay and school records, along with a recommendation form by May 4.

For more details, call 846-0169.

ITT OFFERS FAMILY TRIP TO CAROWINDS

Information, Tickets and Tours is hosting a trip to Carowinds May 15. Ticket cost is \$37 per person and includes transportation and admission.

Featured attractions include Sponge Bob Square Pants 3D, roller coasters, water rides and shows.

Tickets must be purchased before May 11. For more information, call 228-1540.

On the Web

LEARN HOW TO PATENT YOUR INVENTION

Learn how to create your own patent by logging on to the United States Patent and Trademark Web site at www.uspto.gov.

The site offers information for new inventors, as well as a handy search tool to browse existing patents.

Out in Town

BLUES, BARBECUE FEST SET FOR APRIL 23 - 24

The Night in Old Savannah Blues and Barbecue Festival will be held April 23 - 24 from 6 - 11 p.m. at the Roundhouse Railroad Museum in Savannah. The festival will feature live performances by blues greats, as well as slow-cooked barbecue.

Admission is free. For more information, call (912) 651-6840.

LOCAL POOCHES INVITED TO CARNIVAL

The Humane Society of Savannah hosts its Doggie Carnival 2004 April 25 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Daffin Park, Savannah. The carnival will include Athletic competitions, talent shows and auction items.

For details, call (912) 354-9515.

Weather



Friday
Sunny
Hi 75 Low 50
Saturday
Sunny
Hi 78 Low 52
Sunday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 81 Low 57

HIV/STD awareness month spreads knowledge

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April is STD/HIV awareness month, and members of the Preventative Medicine staff at both the Naval Hospital Beaufort and the Depot Branch Medical Clinic want to educate and raise awareness.

Preventive medicine urges that service members get annual check ups, remain informed and aware that there are STDs out there, and remember that everyone is susceptible.

"This awareness month targets everyone who is engaging in any type of sexual activity, regardless of whether they are involved in a

monogamous relationship or not," said Chief Petty Officer Antonio Rodriguez, leading chief petty officer for preventative medicine at the Naval Hospital Beaufort. "The hope is to pass on to the population that it's around you and it isn't something that you put on the back burner."

As the hope of awareness rises, self-imposed expectations also rise for the preventive medicine personnel to educate more people as to what these diseases are.

"HIV and STDs don't discriminate against individuals, so it is important to get the message out to everybody," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Worley, preventative medicine technician. "We are hoping to see an

increased awareness. Where ever you go there is the existence of STD's and HIV and our best resource is education."

The most prevalent point made by preventative medicine personnel is that people know that these diseases do not show favoritism.

"There is no color barrier, no one is immune," said Rodriguez. It can happen to anyone whether young or old and service members need to be aware that these diseases can affect us all in one way or another.

"It is the first time away from home for a lot of the people we want to focus on," he said. "When you come into the military service it opens up a bunch of doors and

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Facts About STDs:

Chlamydia:

- Known as a silent disease.
- 75 percent of infected women and 50 percent of men have no symptoms.
- Can be easily treated and cured with antibiotics.

Genital herpes:

- One out of five people have had genital herpes.
- Most individuals have minimal signs or symptoms.
- There is no treatment that can cure herpes, but antiviral medications can shorten and prevent outbreaks.

Genital human papillomavirus (Genital Warts):

- Approximately 20 million people are currently infected with HPV.
- Most HPV infections have no signs or symptoms.
- There is no cure for HPV infection.

HIV and AIDS:

- There is still no cure for AIDS.
- An estimated 40,000 Americans become infected with HIV every year.

Source: www.cdc.gov

Welcome to Parris Island ...



Lance Cpl. Maryalice Leone
Spouses of the general officers and sergeants major attending the Executive Offsite receive the Yellow Footprints brief at Receiving Wednesday. During the Executive Offsite, many senior Marine Corps Leaders, including the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, gathered here to discuss and define the direction of critical long-term issues to the Corps.

Humana set to take over TRICARE South Region

HUMANA MILITARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES

PRESS RELEASE

In August 2003, the Department of Defense announced the award of the next generation of TRICARE contracts, which will replace the current TRICARE contracts between June 1 and Nov. 1, 2004. At that time, the current 12 TRICARE regions will be reconfigured to three regions within the United States - the West Region, South Region and North Region.

The Department of Defense awarded Humana Military Healthcare Services the contract to administer the TRICARE program in this region, which is the South Region. Health care delivery under the South Region contract is scheduled to begin by fall.

In the Southeast, HMHS currently provides TRICARE support services to eligible military beneficiaries in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, and eastern Louisiana. The new contract adds Oklahoma and Arkansas, plus eastern Texas and the remainder of Louisiana to Humana Military's

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Easter Sunrise Service keeps tradition alive

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This year the Depot Religious Ministry Center kept alive a long-standing tradition with an Easter Sunrise Service behind the Depot Four Winds Club Sunday.

The service kicked off at 7 a.m. and convened at 8 a.m. with songs, prayer, Easter baskets for the children, and a breakfast at the H&SBn. Mess Hall.

"It is very traditional in the military community to have a Sunrise Service," said Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Boyle, Recruit Training Regiment chaplain. "For a lot of folks, sunrise demonstrates the dawning of a new day, that new dawning of Christ and that new era. So a lot of folks like to start that off in a morning ceremony."

Ushering in a new era for their first Easter on the Depot, Master Sgt. Richard

Stewart, Depot property control chief, and his family attended the Sunday service. It may have been the first Sunrise Service they attended, but it will not be the last because Stewart sees Easter as an important day for the Christian faith.

"It is a good thing," said Stewart. "It shows that there are Christians in the military and it is OK to be in the military according to Romans 13:1 - 7."

While wars and militaries have been around a long time, so has the tradition of the Sunrise service.

"Sunrise services have been happening since the early church times," said Boyle. "This is an ancient Christian church tradition that has happened through the centuries. It isn't faith specific, it's specifically timed at the rising of the morningsun in time with the rising of Christ. It has a great illustra-

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Lance Cpl. Brian Kester
Navy Capt. Ralph Gibson, (right) Assistant Chief of Staff for Religious Ministries, daughters Rebekah Cribbs, (left), Elizabeth Gibson, and Lt. Matt Shiel, ROTC instructor for the University of Florida, sing 'Victory in Jesus,' during the Easter Sunrise Service at the Four Winds Club Sunday. The traditional service began at 7 a.m. with the rising sun and concluded at 8 a.m. with breakfast being served at the H&SBn. Mess Hall.